A.—The CHIEF SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT (Mr. B. T. Kesavaiengar).—

(*a*) 1,821.

(*b*) Granted—966.
Rejected—844.
Under correspondence—11.

Mr. JATHARE NAIK.—With reference to answer (*b*), what are the reasons for rejecting 844 *darkhast* applications ?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—It is not possible to give the reasons for all the 844 cases.

Mr. JATHARE NAIK.—It has been stated that in 966 cases lands have been granted. Were they given free or was any money taken ?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—I cannot say.

Managing Committee of the Mysore Iron Works.

Q.—65. Nawab SHER KHAN (Minorities).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) how many non-official members are there on the Managing Committee of the Bhadravati Iron Works ;

(*b*) of these, how many belong to Shimoga and how many are outsiders ;

(*c*) is there a Mahomedan member among those belonging to Shimoga ?

A.—The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT (Mr. M. Venkatanaranappa).—

(*a*) Three.

(*b*) None of them belong to Shimoga.

(*c*) Does not arise.

Nawab SHER KHAN.—Is it not necessary that there should be at least one representative of the Shimoga District on the Board ?

Mr. PRESIDENT.—What is wanted is an expert committee of businessmen. We have selected the best possible people in the State for it. It is not possible to give representation to each district.

Nawab SHER KHAN.—Should not preference be shown to the claims of Shimoga, seeing that the works are located within that district ?

Mr. PRESIDENT.—I am afraid that point does not arise. It is a State concern. Nomination to the committee is made by Government after due consideration of all the available candidates.

Employment of Hakims.

Q.—66. Nawab SHER KHAN (Minorities).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of Hakims who have passed out of the Thibia College ;

(*b*) of these, how many have been appointed by Government, District Boards and Municipalities ?

A.—The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT (Mr. M. Venkatanaranappa).—

(*a*) and (*b*) Thirty-one persons have qualified themselves as Hakims from the Unani Section of the Ayurvedic and Unani College in Mysore. Government have no information as to the number of persons who passed out of the Thibia Colleges at Delhi and elsewhere. There are 8 passed Hakims employed in the Mysore College while two are employed under local bodies.

Nawab SHER KHAN.—With reference to the answer stating that only 10 people have been employed, are Government aware whether the remaining people are unemployed ?

Mr. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—We have no information.

Nawab SHER KHAN.—The present Second Member of Council was pleased to promise last year when he was the Muzrai Commissioner that the local bodies would be requested to encourage Hakims and Pandits. But as a matter of fact, their number in the local bodies is going down. Will necessary action be taken to encourage them ?

Mr. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—It would be done as far as possible.

Mr. MEER MAHOMED SAHIB.—Will Government provide employment for all the qualified Hakims ?

Mr. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—They should approach the local bodies in the first instance. It all depends